Funds allotted for the coaching complex at Nagercoil

418. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs allotted for the coach manufacturing complex at Nagercoil, which had the necessary infrastructure about 3-4 years ago, has not been utilised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the then Divisional Railway Manager surrendered the allotted funds not taking the initiative to implement the scheme ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) There was no question of allotment of Rs. 5 lakhs as the work was not finally sanctioned.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Completion of Karur-Dindigal and Madurai-Tuticorial Railway Project

419. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to complete the long pending Karur-Dindigal and Madurai-Tuticorial Railway project; and

(b) by when the laying of the line between Madurai and Maniyachchi is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Karur-Dindigul-Madurai-Maniyachchi-Tuticorin/Talaiyuthu (327.94 Kms) new BG rail line project is being executed in 2 pahses:

Phase I : Stage (i) : Parallel BG line from Maniyachchi to Talaiyuthu and from Maniyachchi to Tuticorin (53 Kms) - Commissioned in 1985-86.

Stage (ii) : New BG line from Karur to Dindigul (72.90 Kms) Commissioned in 1988-89.

Stage (iii) : Parallel BG line from Dindigul to Madurai (64.32 Kms)—Work in progress.

Phase II : Conversion of MG to BG on Madurai-Maniyachchi (127.25 Km) & Milavittan-Tuticorin—(7. Kms).

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The allocation for the project as a whole was Rs. 4 crores in Budget for 1989-90 and an additional sum of Rs. 2 crores was allotted by reappropriation during the current year. To accelerate the progress a sum of Rs. 13 crores is proposed to be allocated to this project during 1990-91.

(b) Work on Madurai-Maniyachchi will be taken up as Phase-II of the project.

Registered unemployed graduates and post graduates

420. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of unemployed graduates and post graduates separately registered with various Employment Exchanges in the country as on date, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : A statement showing State-wise graduate and post-graduates job-seekers, on the live register of Employment Exchanges in the country, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed as on 31-12-1988 (latest available) is enclosed.

Statement

Number of Graduate and Post-graduate job-seekers on Live Register as on 31-12-1988 (Provisional)

(In thousands)

S. No.	State/Union Territories	Graduates	Post-graduate
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	201·8	20·2
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0·1	..
3.	Assam	53·3	4.1
4.	Bihar	265·5	5·6
5.	Goa	4·7	0·2
6.	Gujarat	51·8	6.5
7.	Haryana	47·7	6·2
8.	Himachal Pradesh	22·3	7·5
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	10·8	3·6
10.	Karnataka	94·6	10·5
11.	Kerala	105.8	16·7
12.	Madhya Pradesh	154·8	39·0
13.	Maharashtra	174.4	22·5
14.	Manipur	20.5	2·5
15.	Meghalaya	1·3	0·1
16.	Mizoram	1·3	0·2
17.	Nagaland	1·1	0·1
18.	Orissa	93·0	8·8
19.	Punjab	60·8	10·2
20.	Rajasthan	707·5	16·7
21.	Sikkim		
22.	Tamilnadu	198·9	50·2
23.	Tripura	6.3	0.3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	369·4	76.5
25.	West Bengal	190.4	26.6

1	2	3	4
	Union Territories:		
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.9	0.1
2.	Chandigarh	18.5	2.0
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.2	@
4.	Delhi	96.7	22.9
5.	Daman & Diu**		
6.	Lakshadweep	@	@
7.	Pondicherry	6.9	1.2
	TOTAL	2561.1	361.2

NOTE :

1. *No Employment Exchange is functioning.
2. **Data are not maintained.
3. @Figure less than 50.
4. Figures may not added up to total due rounding off.

Slow speed of Nellai Express

421. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Nellai Express which cover more than 16 districts of Tamil Nadu and which is the longest within Tamil Nadu is running at slow speed ;

(b) whether Government are taking steps to increase the speed of the above train; and

(c) with a view to decreasing the present running time of Nellai Express; whether Government are taking steps to run the train up to Madurai from Madras with limited stops like Vaigai Express?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) the train is already running with its maximum permissible speed having regard to its load.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Construction of Bansapani Jakhapura Railway line

422. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to expedite the construction of Bansapani Jakhapura line during the Eigth plan;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard so far; and

(c) by which date the construction work is expected to be started; and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) The construction of Daitari-Banaspani railway line is a part of the proposal for export of iron ore via Paradip Port and the same is under consideration of Ministry of Surface Transport and M.M.T.C.